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Richmond, Fredericksburg & Railroad.

Schedule in effect Jan. 16th, 1899.

RAINS LEAVE FREDERICKSBURG.

Leave Northward.

12.15 A. M. daily.

12.45 A. M. Sunday only.

5.45 P. M. daily except Sunday.

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6.30 A. M. daily. Stops only at Milford

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Local and Current Comments.

Mr. V. M. Fleming is on an Eastern business tour.

Supt. J. W. Kates, of the Postal Telegraph Co., was in the city Tuesday.

Another large lot of pretty yard wide Percales at 5¢ cents, received at T. N. Brent's.

Mr. R. E. Mountjoy and brother, of Stafford, were visitors to the city yesterday.

Only 300 yards Wash Silk left at 29 cents, worth 50 cents. J. T. Lowery & Co.

Mr. W. H. Peden has purchased of Mr. A. Randolph Howard his fine riding horse "Tom Byrd."

Mr. G. W. Tanner, of Spotsylvania, was among the callers at The Free Lance office yesterday.

Mr. A. Randolph Howard has shipped to Mr. D. L. Darling, of Port Royal, the fine driving mare, "Lacy."

Mr. Joseph Hicks and Miss Ida Posey, of this city, were married here Saturday evening. Rev. J. P. Stump officiating.

The many friends of Mr. Charles Payne, of Spotsylvania, will regret to hear that he is ill at his home, near the Wilderness.

The first Sunday afternoon in May Rev. Doctor Edwards will preach at Goshen Church, in Spotsylvania, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Isaac Monteth and Miss Addie Dobson of Stafford, were married at the Methodist parsonage here Monday. Rev. J. P. Stump officiating.

Fresh garden, flower and grass seed, large stock, low prices, also everything usually found in the best drug stores, at lowest prices at Hall's.

Rev. A. T. Lynn will preach next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at Bethany Methodist Church, in Stafford, to the Epworth League.

Beautiful gingham, figured piques, check muslin, dotted muslins and wash goods of all kinds now being opened at E. T. Baker's.

Miss Emma Coby and Miss Annie Luck, of Caroline county, are visiting Miss Ethel Harding and Miss Nellie Craig, respectively, in Manchester.

If you want solid comfort wear the "American Lady" Corset, made in 3 months, 4, 5 and 6 inch sizes. \$1.00. Sold only at G. W. Jones' Cash Store.

Sheriff T. B. Gill and Clerk E. R. Coughlin, of the city, were in the city yesterday. They are two happy men. They have no opposition for their respective offices in the county.

Misses Hannah Rawlings and Anne Boggs, through Mr. James L. Rawlings, have, on private terms, purchased the Boggs farm in Spotsylvania county, containing 95 acres.

Mr. Geo. Freeman, Jr., who has been quite sick for several weeks, was able to go about his room yesterday. Mr. Andrew Murray, who has been sick for several days, was out and at business yesterday.

Detective C. J. Newcomb, of the Internal Revenue Department, was in the city yesterday looking for cigars made in the tobacco factory at Lancaster, Pa., from which there were forged stamps. He found only about 100 cigars.

Rev. W. R. D. Moncreux, of Leetown, W. Va., will preach next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at Ramoth Baptist Church, in Stafford, to the Ladies' Aid Society. The same night he will preach at Hall Methodist Church to the Ladies' Aid Society.

Mr. C. C. Middleton, of Fauquier, drove a herd of 150 cattle through here yesterday, which he wintered on the farms of Lufkin, Conway and Sale, in Caroline. He is carrying them to his farm in Fauquier. They were in fine condition and showed the result of good attention.

Celebrate Their Eightieth Anniversary.

On the 26th of April, 1819, Odd Fellowship had its beginning in America and the 80th anniversary of this event was appropriately and pleasantly celebrated by Myrtle Lodge, of this city, Tuesday night, as that was their regular meeting night. Prof. A. B. Bowering presided at the organ. Dr. F. E. Thompson delivered a beautiful, eloquent and inspiring address, showing that 80 years ago Odd Fellowship in this country had its birth in the city of Baltimore, with a membership of only five, and in the passing years, because it struck a responsive chord in the human heart, so phenomenal has been its growth, that today more than a million people are banded together under the talismanic words of Friendship, Love and Truth.

He was followed by Mr. R. R. McCauley in a brief talk, pointing with pride to the record of the past for lessons for present inspiration and encouragement, and predicting even greater achievements in the future than Odd Fellowship has yet known, notwithstanding its unparalleled growth and beneficence.

Capt. S. J. Quinn contrasted the past and the present of Odd Fellowship locally, and made an instructive and interesting talk. In speaking of the changes wrought by time, he said only one was present on this occasion that was an older Odd Fellow than himself.

—Dr. F. E. Thompson—and one was present—Mr. H. R. Gouldman—who came into the organization the same night that he (Quinn) did.

The chairman of the entertainment committee, Mr. W. D. Patterson, then announced that the meeting was open for all who desired to say a word relative to the happy occasion that had brought them together. Several responded in brief, but interesting talks, among them Prof. A. B. Bowering, Messrs. J. W. Harris, H. R. Gouldman, D. B. Edinger and J. M. McCauley. Refreshments were then served in the lodge room and an enjoyable social time spent for fifteen minutes, when the regular work of the lodge was proceeded with, and on motion of Mr. A. R. Howard a vote of thanks was tendered the entertainment committee and all who took part in the services that night for the pleasant anniversary celebration.

A most enjoyable feature of the entertainment was a number of gramophone selections furnished by Mr. D. B. Edinger between the talks.

There was a good attendance of the local lodge, and three visiting brethren were present—Messrs. Victor Strasburger, D. B. Edinger and Irving Edinger.

Store and Dwelling Burned.

Early Tuesday morning, a fire, the origin of which is unknown, destroyed the dwelling and storehouse of Mr. Thomas Lee Bullock, at the Summit, in Spotsylvania, on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. All the stock of goods, furniture and clothing of Mr. Bullock and wife and children were also burned and they narrowly escaped a terrible death in the flames. The property was uninsured.

ORANGE COURT.

Farmers were busy planting corn and sowing oats in Orange, and the result was a small attendance at court Monday.

Politics absorbed the attention of a majority of those present. The fight for some of the offices will be a hot one.

Great gratification was expressed by the many friends and relatives of Senator Tallaferra at his election to the U. S. Senate from the State of Florida. Senator Tallaferra was born and raised in Orange, and all remember him with pleasure and are proud of his elevation to the high office by the people of his adopted State.

THE FRUIT CROP.

Capt. C. C. Tallaferra, of "Mt. Sharon" Stock Farm, is the most successful grower of peaches in the county. In an interview with The Free Lance he said: "My crop is an utter failure, and I do not believe there will be a dozen crates of peaches gathered in the county. The new growth of the trees has been killed by the severe winter, and in many instances the trees have been killed. The apple and pear crop will be above an average. The cherries have been injured and there will not be a half crop."

WHEAT CROP.

There has been a wonderful improvement in the growing wheat crop in the past two weeks. Some fields that looked as if plant had been entirely winter-killed are now green and the crop will be fair, while other fields indicate a full crop. The general average promises 75 per cent.

The healthy financial condition of the farmers is evidenced by the fact that a large proportion of last year's crop is still in their barns. A gentleman, who ought to know, said to The Free Lance that there was 30,000 bushels still unsold. It is to be hoped they have not waited too long before selling.

NOTES.

Capt. C. C. Tallaferra has been appointed by Grymes Camp, C. V., a delegate to the Charleston, S. C., reunion, which commences in that city on May 10th. He will go.

The Lyne Milling Company, of Liberty Mills, is pulling down the old mill preparatory to putting up new roller mills and also building a new dam across the Rapidan. Mr. J. H. Clark, formerly of Spotsylvania, is doing the millwright work and superintending the construction of the dam.

Mr. W. G. Newman, of New York, owner of the "Mt. Athos" estate, in Orange, is erecting a residence thereon, which will cost \$45,000. He will erect a dam for water works, for domestic supply, is putting in an electric light plant, and is laying off the estate as a park. A large amount of money will be expended, and when the work is completed it will be the handsomest place in the county.

Col. Cab Madrox was a visitor at the O. H. He said, "Tom" Martin has a "cinch" on the Senatorship and none others need apply. He also predicts that Hon. J. Taylor Ellison will have a walk over for the next Governorship of Virginia.

Those present from Fredericksburg were: Messrs. A. W. Embrey, J. T. Lowery, W. E. Lang, J. S. Wallace, Geo. P. King, John Muslemann, R. L. Biscoe, E. C. Nind, Michael Wallace, W. H. Merchant, of the Star, and The Free Lance representative.

LIST OF WRITING.

Following is a list of all writings admitted to record since the March term: William A. Brittan and wife to W. H. Quinn, deed for land.

W. H. Quinn and wife to John W. Quinn, deed for land.

James Martin and wife to Francis Smith, deed for land.

James Martin to James I. Martin, deed for land.

H. E. Tinsley and wife to George and Harriet Ellis, deed for land.

John M. Wheeler and wife to Wm. S. Wiltshire, deed for land.

Peyton Wiltshire and wife to William S. Wiltshire, deed for land.

Mason Gordon, Commissioner, to Edgar Brown, deed for land.

J. J. Halsey and wife to Thos. Minor, &c., deed for land.

John S. Roach and wife to J. F. Llewellyn.

John H. Donaghy to J. G. Williams, trustee, deed of trust.

M. A. Butler and wife to John G. Williams, trustee, deed of trust.

William Graham and wife to John G. Williams, trustee, deed of trust.

William Oreshead and wife to Granville Moore, deed for land.

Granville Moore and wife to George S. Shackelford, trustee, deed of trust.

W. M. Yager and wife to J. G. Williams, trustee, deed of trust.

O. E. Martin to E. F. Martin, deed for land.

Lewis Powell to John W. Clarke, trustee, deed of trust.

Susan A. Rhodes to A. J. Carpenter, deed for land.

Peyton Johnson to George Gaines, deed for land.

George Gaines and wife to A. T. Browning, trustee, deed of trust.

C. R. Browning, &c. to Ella G. Robinson, deed for land.

M. J. Pendleton to W. C. Williams, trustee, deed of trust.

C. R. Browning and wife to W. C. Williams, trustee, deed of trust.

N. C. Beale, trustee, to Nellie G. Ross, deed for land.

T. W. Ross and wife to G. S. Shackelford, trustee, deed of trust.

Dennis Stearns to Albert Stearns, deed for land.

John T. Benson, &c. to W. S. Embrey, deed for land.

G. M. Taylor and wife to G. S. Shackelford, trustee, deed of trust.

William D. Sale, &c., to Virginia M. Morris, trustee, deed for land.

Graham McDonald and wife to Elizabeth A. McDonald, deed for land.

Henry E. Grasty to James W. Morton, trustee, deed of trust.

Out Out Their Selves.

Col. Waller, at Widewater, cut out his seine Saturday, and Ewing at Marlborough, cut out yesterday. When these gentlemen stopped fishing they were catching 40,000 herring each haul. It would not pay to ship fresh fish to Alexandria and Washington, and Mr. Ewing let one haul loose, which had over 40,000 herring in the seine. The seines on the creeks are still running and herring are selling in this market at \$3 to \$4 per thousand.

The Warring Lancaster Democrats.

Pursuant to call of county committee delegates elected at precinct primaries on 15th, assembled in convention at Lancaster O. H. Friday, 21st.

County Chairman W. McD. Lee called the convention to order at 12 o'clock, hour appointed, and stated object of meeting. J. W. Haydon appointed temporary chairman, M. W. Bruce secretary, representatives of local press as assistant secretaries.

Dr. Lewis moved that committees on credentials and organization be selected by taking one delegate from each precinct. An amendment was offered by Mr. Lee that a delegate be selected from each precinct except those in which there were contests. After much heated discussion amendment adopted. Precincts named the following committees: Organization—W. T. Marsh, W. A. Dameron, W. L. Sanders and Frank G. Newbill. Credentials—W. J. Barker, H. W. Treake, R. L. Bryant and W. McD. Lee.

A motion by Dr. Lewis to adjourn sine die, was amended by Mr. Lee as to the time, making it 30 minutes, for committees to confer and for dinner. Amendment adopted.

On reassembling committees reported: We, committee appointed on organization, recommend temporary organization be made permanent. Signed: W. T. Marsh, W. A. Dameron, W. L. Sanders and Frank G. Newbill.

We, Committee on Credentials, find that the convention is composed of 35 delegates as follows: Litwalton 6, Ottomann 6, Courthouse 6, Kilmarack 3, Irvington 4, White Stone 7, Weems 2, Island 1. That there are contesting delegations from Litwalton and Ottomann, and that in justice to both sides we recommend that the regular delegation from Litwalton, and the contesting delegation from Ottomann be given seats. Signed: R. L. Bryant, H. W. Treake, W. McD. Lee, W. S. Barker dissent.

Both reports adopted. A motion to proceed with nominations, taking up in order named, offices of Commissioner of Revenue, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff and Clerk, adopted.

Dr. Lewis here announced that his faction would withdraw from the convention. T. S. Brent placed in nomination for Commissioner. Litwalton, Kilmarack and Island declared they had withdrawn and would not vote when Lancaster O. H. was reached. Mr. T. A. Pinckard announced that as there seemed no chance for the re-nomination of their favorite son, T. J. Downing, his delegation would also withdraw. 16 delegates in all withdrew, remaining 19 nominated T. S. Brent, for Commissioner of Revenue; Wm. Haydon Sanders, for Commonwealth's Attorney; Wm. L. Sanders, for Sheriff; and William Chilton, for Clerk. Brent and Chilton present incumbents.

Convention adjourned sine die.

Signed J. W. Haydon, chairman. M. W. Bruce, secretary.

Mr. T. J. Downing emphatically denies